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Comrades

I have received word from Fellow Worker A Westbrook of Sydney that she received a letter from you. I am anarchist and have been connected with a small Italian Group in the North of Queensland. One of the comrades (whose name I will refrain from metioning owing to the possibility of deportment to Fascisti Italy) is now residing near here, and the last time I called on him he gave me a copy of the Paper "Spain and the World" which I gave to Fellow Worker Westbrook and she said

Enclosed cutting from the Communist Paper Worker Weekly which has been damaged, but I think you can manage to read it. Also photo of Comrade Oliver (Capitalist Press)

she would write to you, and I can assure you we are very pleased to hear from you. I only receive one Anarchist paper and that is in the Italian language which I am able to read write and speak; but of I would prefere the English papers. "The paper I receive is called "Il Risuegelio Anarchico." printed in Geneva.
I also receive the I.W.W. Industrial Worker from Chic-ago U.S.A. I am a steel worker employed at the B.H.P. steel works Port Waratah and I hope you will excuse my writing as my hands are cramped and sore. The Labour Movement in Australia is in a very bad way, a number of the Leaders openly support Franco in Spain.

This is due to the Roman Catholic Church, having gained nearly all leading positions in the Labor Party. The Comunist Party will not expose them because it would break the Unity of the Party; but instead plead mournfully for a People's Front. One of the Comunist Party Leaders died here recently and it said the Central Comittee ordered them to get a parson to read the burial service which was done "(a classic example of the United front.").
The Comrats as we call here hate the sight of us and me in particular and have tried to molest me on several occasions generally 5 or 6 together like a pack of wolves. but never one at a time.

We call them Militant Knuckle Duster Brigade. ; but they are losing ground and continue to go more to the right, many of their Phamplets would interest you, particularly on the defence of Australia against the Japanese. and I will send some the next time I go to Sydney and you no doubt would think they were issued by a capitalist class Group. We will most probabey form a small Group in Sydney in the near future and will be ably to keep contact with you.

Anarchist Greeting
Yours fraternally,

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P.S. I am an Australian born Frenchman
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I will give Fellow Worker Weddoak some money to forward for literature as soon as possible